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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT: Proposed IDEALIST Signal Center at [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] 1146 requested concurrence from [REDACTED] to establish a secure teletype system with the [REDACTED] IDEALIST group at the [REDACTED] location with a drop copy provision for Mr. Kelly Johnson's office. [REDACTED] concurred on the assumption that the costs incurred would be chargeable to the Project.

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2. A TWX terminal with on-line, one-time tape crypto circuit between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] existing Signal Center would provide the most practical service particularly after our [REDACTED] circuit with [REDACTED] is activated about 1 October 1964. The [REDACTED] Signal Center personnel would tape relay traffic to and from [REDACTED] and automatically withhold a drop copy of that traffic for Mr. Johnson.

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3. The selection and arrangements for security modification of a Signal Center area at [REDACTED], the leasing of equipment from the telephone company, and provision and installation of Government furnished crypto equipment would follow fairly well established routines and would require 30 to 60 days to accomplish. Manning the Signal Center would be more of a problem since provisions have not been made in Commo slots or personnel budgeting to accommodate this Signal Center. We estimate "half-a-man" day requirement--spread over odd times during the day--to cover [REDACTED]. In addition, coverage and work load requirements at [REDACTED] have already approached the saturation point. The assignment of a third man there would be needed with the activation of [REDACTED]. Preferably, several LAC secretaries should be assigned additional crypto duties at [REDACTED] and be cleared and trained to man the Signal Center. Initially, and by juggling personnel assignments, an OSA crypto-

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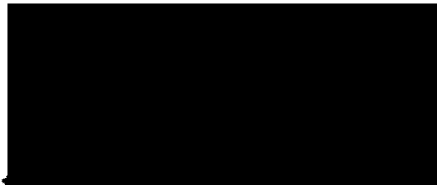
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grapher will be assigned to [REDACTED] on a temporary basis in order to activate the station. If it develops that this assignment must be continued indefinitely, the OSA Commo Manning Table will need to be increased by two slots.

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